



A mother and her newborn child receive neonatal care supported by USAID's Afya Jijini in Nairobi, Kenya. Photo Credit: Dorothy Mwangi/Afya Jijini

KENYA

AFYA JIJINI

The Afya Jijini program aims to improve the institutional capacity and management of health service delivery through the implementation of HIV programming activities and maternal and child health, family planning, nutrition, and water, sanitation, and hygiene services at the county level. Building on the success of USAID's APHIAplus program, Afya Jijini has worked to improve health outcomes among target populations in Nairobi County and Kiambu, Nyandarua, Meru, Tharaka Nithi and Embu counties in the Mount Kenya region. Afya Jijini's mission is to improve and increase access to and the utilization of quality health services.

OUR WORK

Afya Jijini utilizes evidence-based HIV interventions to achieve sustained epidemic control. In particular, the program aims to eliminate mother-to-child transmission and provide HIV care and support services for people living with the virus; HIV treatment services; HIV prevention, testing and counseling; voluntary medical male circumcision; and tuberculosis/HIV co-infection services. The program also works in priority informal settlements to improve hygiene, sanitation, and nutrition at health facilities, communities, and schools.

Afya Jijini works to strengthen and support county health management teams (CHMTs) through capacity building to ensure greater sustainability and host country ownership. In response to COVID-19, the program worked to improve the capacity of CHMTs to plan and respond to the pandemic through county health structures and encouraged the increased uptake of desirable hygiene practices and behaviors in the communities.

As a key partner to the county, Afya Jijini works with CHMTs, local health service providers and local sub-partners to achieve sustainable results and strengthen local capacities. Specifically, Afya Jijini supports the county in providing better stewardship of health sector strategic and annual planning, stakeholder coordination, monitoring, and sustained improvement in financing of priority health interventions through the development of stakeholder engagement tools.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since it started in 2015, Afya Jijini has achieved the following results:

- **96%** of co-infected TB/HIV individuals enrolled in care.
- **82%** of people living with HIV linked to care services.
- **78%** of children under the age of 1 immunized.
- **78%** of health facilities implement data quality improvement plans.

BUDGET: USD \$50,866,018

DURATION

2015-2021

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nairobi, Kiambu, Nyandarua, Embu, Meru, and Tharaka-Nithi Counties

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

IMA World Health

KEY PARTNERS

Christian Health Association of Kenya, National Organization of Peer Educators, HIV Free Generation, St. John's Community Center, International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV, and the Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies

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